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GOOD RESPONSE TO HKDF RECRUITING

Estimated 500 Applicants,
Mostly Chinese, Register

CENTRES CROWDED

An estimated 500 applicants, mostly of Chinese race, were registered at the Hong Kong Defence Force registration centres yesterday.

A number of applicants were turned away because they could not reach the registration desk at the centre at HKVDC Headquarters owing to the milling crowds.

Sheikh Hassan Buried

Cairo, February 13.
Sheikh Hassan El Danna, 39-year-old chief of the outlawed Egyptian Moslem Brotherhood, who was assassinated yesterday, was buried here privately today.

Only members of his family, guarded by 20 police, attended the funeral. Sheikh Hassan died in hospital late last night. He was fatally wounded by revolver shots fired from a black limousine as he was entering a taxi outside the Young Men's Moslem Association building—Reuter.

Atlantic Pact And Scandinavia

Boston, February 13.
The "Christian Science Monitor," in an editorial today headlined "Atlantic Defence Needs Clear Commitments," said:

"We favour, no, we urge the building of an Atlantic defence system. But we question whether the problem of including Scandinavian countries in the North Atlantic defence alliance is receiving requisite patient and tactful treatment. Are the American people capable of understanding the enormous responsibility their government has incurred in Norway?"

"It has asked an exposed small nation to choose sides in the East and West struggle and do so without guarantees.... Certainly, Norway is important, but if the Atlantic pact would survive or break up on the one point of the Norwegian adherence to it, it is a very risky pact indeed."

"Prospects grow darker than ever of clarifying American ability to give Norway security enough in military supplies and clear understanding as to what happens if Norway is attacked."

The State Department, it points out, is wavering over the wording of the general commitment under the military pact and whether it would be better to leave the word "military" out of the operational clause of the agreement.

"The course of thinking in Washington at this moment strongly suggests that efforts of the Scandinavian countries to build a neutral bloc—a defence system among themselves—should have received much more encouragement than it did from the United States"—United Press.

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Inadequate preparations on the part of the authorities concerned resulted in many applicants being diverted from Club de Recreio to Kowloon Cricket Club.

When applicants turned up at the Portuguese Club at King's Park, they found none there to deal with registrations. Neither were there any registration forms at the Club. Unable to deal with the large number at Kowloon Cricket Club, the officer in charge distributed the forms, to the completed and returned during the week. Some 400 forms were distributed.

Labour Class

A considerable percentage of the crowd at Kowloon Cricket Club belonged to the labour class. A few came with bamboo poles (used for carrying goods) slung across their shoulders, some arrived wearing wooden clogs.

One of the applicants who turned up at Club de Recreio was 64-year-old Mr. R. J. Everett. He served for 40 years in the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps and held the rank of Company Sergeant Major. He told a "China Mail" reporter that he is eager to sign up with the Hong Kong Defence Force.

Heavy Battle In Greece

Athens, February 13.
A Greek General Staff communiqué today claimed that a rebel brigade chief named Leteris was among the 216 rebels killed in last night's heavy fighting for Florina, in Northern Greece, and that captured guerrillas had included a rebel leader named Kilon.

An earlier Government communiqué said a guerrilla attack on the town had been "smashed."

Meanwhile, the Athens news agency reported today that King Paul and Queen Frederica of the Hellenes, continuing their tour of Northern Greece, have embarked at Salonika on the 1,375-ton destroyer, Navarino, for Kavala, Eastern Macedonia—Reuter.

Large Numbers

Colonel Ride said that the number which turned up during the day seemed to be too good to be true. Police assistance had to be obtained to help with the crowds at Headquarters as the staff was insufficient and not organized to receive the unexpected large number of applicants.

Between 200 and 300 registrations were issued during the day. Foreigners who applied were given the forms which they may return later after completion.

Telephone calls were received from members of the public who could not reach the registration desk because of the crowds, asking for forms to be sent to them.

Colonel Ride added that firms may apply for registration forms for members of their staff. He also appealed for volunteers to assist at the registration centre at HKVDC Headquarters during the next three days.

Mainly because of the lack of staff to deal with crowds turning up at the registration centres, the centres at the Hong Kong Cricket Club, Club Lusitano, Club de Recreio, and the Kowloon Cricket Club have been closed for registration of volunteers.

One Centre Only

Colonel Ride said that only the centre at the HKVDC Headquarters will be open daily between 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. to the public for registration. Member of the four clubs may register at their individual clubs.

Colonel Ride added that he does not expect continuance of the crowds experienced yesterday. He said that after a day or two he expects the applicants to diminish.

He said that about 500 applicants were registered at the five centres yesterday. About 700 registered at the Hong Kong Cricket Club and all forms were issued at the Kowloon Cricket Club.

A considerable number of applicants at the HKVDC Headquarters registered at the coolie class. The majority of the applicants were of Chinese race.

A number of the applicants registered for the Special Constabulary or other voluntary services.

Asked whether there is any plan for compulsory service in the event of the required number of volunteers for the HKDF not being attained, Colonel Ride replied: "I absolutely don't know."



Following the rush during lunch hour, more applicants turned up later in the evening yesterday at the Kowloon Cricket Club to obtain registration forms for joining the Hong Kong Defence Force. They filed past the officer in charge who distributed a considerable number of forms by 7 p.m.—"China Mail" Photo.

Tories Hopeful Of Winning A Seat

London, February 13.
Conservatives are hoping to capture their first seat from the Labour Government in the "miniature general election" pending in Britain.

By-elections will take place in four constituencies won or held by Labour in 1945, and in one of these—South Hammersmith, London—the chances of the Government are considered slim.

The Labour Party shows relatively little anxiety over the three remaining seats—North St. Pancras, London; Batley in Yorkshire; and Sowerby, Yorkshire. These had more solid Labour majorities than South Hammersmith at the 1945 general election.

The Sowerby vacancy was caused by the resignation of Mr. John Belcher, Secretary of the Board of Trade who figured in the proceedings of the Lynskey Tribunal which investigated allegations of corruption in Government quarters. Mr. Belcher resigned from office and from Parliament.

A strong candidate may be required to counter any local reaction to the circumstances of his resignation, but Labour is confident of holding the seat, which it won from the Conservatives with a majority of nearly 7,000 in the 1945 three-cornered contest.

South Hammersmith is the Government's danger spot, as the seat was captured in 1945 with a majority of only 3,458. The Conservatives held it with 6,000 and 12,000 majorities respectively in the two previous general elections.

The Government's majority at St. Pancras in 1945 was over 7,000. But the seat is unattractive to Labour candidates, as it is expected to disappear under the impending redistribution of constituencies. Batley, Yorkshire, is the safest of the four seats being contested. Labour had an 11,500 majority in a three-cornered contest in 1945, and held the seat in two previous general elections. Polling is on February 17.

Except in Mr. Belcher's constituency of Sowerby, all the vacancies have been caused by the death of the Labour Member holding the seat—Reuter.

New Pressure For United Ireland

Dublin, February 13.
The Government of Eire has been discussing plans on which Irish unity may be based—if necessary with United States guarantees, according to usually reliable sources here.

The Premier, Mr. John Costello, is ready to join the Atlantic Pact providing he speaks for a Parliament of all-Ireland. His inter-party Government is now a year old.

Leaders of all parties now meet as one anti-partition body. Reuters reliably learned that Eire's views on a united Ireland have recently been modified. Northern Ireland, it appears, would now be allowed to retain her local Parliament, but the reserve powers—mainly fiscal, economic and defensive—now exercised by the British Government, would be transferred to Dublin.

Northern Ireland, Parliament, representatives, who now attend Westminster, would attend the Dublin Parliament instead. Further, the withdrawal of the British armed forces from Northern Ireland and their substitution temporarily by a United Nations force or a force drawn from the United States, Canada, Australia and New Zealand may facilitate matters greatly.

There is strong feeling in Dublin that the desire of the Costello Government to join a European defensive scheme on this basis has a good chance of success, and that the United States may support such a plan. The British may also regard it as acceptable. It is felt that the next three months may see big developments in the Irish situation in relation to European defence.

Government opinion here is that Sir Basil Brooke, Premier of Northern Ireland, cannot reasonably stand out against an Anglo-Irish-American-European defence plan in such circumstances—Reuter.

Applicants For HKDF



Burma Jail Escapees

Rangoon, February 13.
Burmese Government forces were today searching for 114 prisoners who had escaped from Mergul Jail, Southern Tenasserim. It was officially announced.

A lull was reported to be continuing at Insein, where fighting between the Burmese and Karens has entered its third week—Reuter.

Conservatives To Attack Govt Spending

London, February 13.
Mr. Winston Churchill will lead a concentrated Conservative Party attack on the Labour Government in the House of Commons this week for spending too much money to finance its socialising plans.

In effect, the debate will be the opening battle in Mr. Churchill's campaign for a return to power at the helm of the Conservative Party in the 1950 general elections.

The wartime Prime Minister served notice of his intention when he demanded a three-day debate on the Government's request for an extra £220,000,000 to run the country during the remainder of the fiscal year ending March 31.

"Gross mismanagement... miscalculation," cried Mr. Churchill. The Government accepted the challenge and arranged for the debate to begin on Thursday. The Government appeared confident the country would back it, because it wanted most of the extra money to buy more food and help finance Britain's new socialised medicine programme.

The Health Minister, Mr. Aneurin Bevan, alone asked for £58,000,000 more for socialised medicine which provides Britons with free medical care, hospital care, dental services, spectacles and about everything else that good health demands. Sharp-tongued Mr. Bevan will defend his expenditures with as much gusto as Mr. Churchill will attack them.

Mr. Bevan will say the need for extra funds only proves that the much-maligned socialised medicine programme is a success, although he probably will admit that what it was getting into when it started the scheme last July.

The Government expected, for instance, to spend about £7,000,000 to finance free dental services in England; instead, it is costing nearly £18,000,000—United Press.

Sharp Clashes In Malaya

Singapore, February 13.
Seven heavily armed Chinese terrorists were killed in a six-day battle between Malayan Government troops and insurgents during the weekend. The security forces suffered no casualties.

In a drive against the rebels in Kedah, North Malaya, British troops and Malay police yesterday clashed with the Chinese at several points along the border.

At least 100 rebels have been seen in the area. But Malayan troops found three camps, one of which had been recently vacated—Reuter.

Govt Troops Quit Bridge Heads On N. Bank Of Yangtse

Shanghai, February 14.
A Nationalist withdrawal from all bridge heads along the North bank of the Yangtse, east of Tsingkiang, 90 miles North-West of Shanghai, was reported here today, following abortive attempts by the Nationalists to recapture the industrial centre of Nantung.

Supported by naval units, Nationalist troops have been trying for the past 10 days to retake Nantung, 60 miles North West of Shanghai, to ensure safety to navigation on the lower Yangtse and traffic on the Nanking-Shanghai Railway, but found progress difficult, owing to strong Communist resistance.

The order to abandon the attempt altogether came on the heels of the arrival of two columns of reinforcements rushed to the area by General Chen Yi, Communist commander.

The bridge heads evacuated today by the Nationalist forces included Tienhunkang, near Nantung, which is the principal port on the North bank in Kiangsu Province, Lianshan and Chuanshan, fortified hill positions to the South East of Nantung, Tsinglungkang, near Haimen, 40 miles North North West of Shanghai, and Wataokan, near Chitung, 35 miles North of Shanghai.

Nationalist military sources here explaining the move, said that as the Yangtse East of Tsingkiang was very wide, the retention of sizeable forces at bridge heads on the North bank was not necessary.

They admitted, however, that the Nationalist forces at Kiangyin, on the South bank of the river opposite Tsingkiang, had been strengthened by the arrival of more troops, and the light cruiser Yat Sun.

Other Chinese reports today told of voluntary Communist withdrawals in South Honan and West Hupai, resulting in the sudden lifting of Communist sieges of Chengyang, 30 miles North-East of the Peiping-Hankow Railway city of Sinyang, and of the upper Yangtse river ports of Ichang and Shashi.

Six peace delegates who have recently returned from Peiping, meanwhile, issued a statement which contradicted earlier encouraging reports of their mission to Communist territory.

The statement made today also contradicted the information given by Wu Yu-hou, seventh member and leader of the group.

Mr. Wu, who was personally friendly with the Red General Yeh Chien-ying, had said the Communists were ready to open peace talks within a month and were ready to pursue a conciliatory line regarding the questions of war criminals and reorganisation of the army.

A denial, signed by six members of the mission said: "They had not heard anything in Peiping that the Reds were willing to take a conciliatory line."

The peace mission, headed by Dr. W. W. Yen, arrived in Peiping this afternoon. A telegram to the Sin Wan Pao reported: "Take-off of the mission's plane from Tsingtao was delayed several hours by a flat tire."—Reuter and Associated Press.

Following the departure of the Finance Minister, Mr. Hsu Kan, for Nanking, it is expected several other Ministers will fly North to Nanking in the next few days.

A high Government source said there was no possibility of Dr. Sun Fo, Prime Minister, going to Nanking at the moment.

On Wednesday the Cabinet will hold its third meeting since arrival here.

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FIRE DESTROYS SHOP

A small fire broke out on the roof of the shop at 10, Bowden Road, about 9 p.m. yesterday, and the blaze was put out by the fire brigade. The shop was a small building and the fire was caused by a gas stove. The fire destroyed the shop and the goods inside. The owner, Mr. J. M. d'Almeida, is now insured by the General Accident Fire & Life Assurance Corporation Ltd.

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POLICE'S RUSE AIDS IN CAPTURING ROBBER BOAT

The story of how a party of police, under Sub-Inspectors J. M. R. B. Wall and Kinloch, in a decoy boat captured after a brief exchange of fire, a small boat said to contain five robbers, was related to Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday at an inquiry held into the death of two of the alleged robbers.

Mr. Charles Mottram, Assistant Director of Criminal Investigations (Kowloon), who, with Detective Sub-Inspector J. R. Wall, led the evidence for the police, said that the shooting took place at the entrance to the Un Long Creek about 8.30 p.m. on November 30.

On November 28 and 29, Chinese was a handroller, and on boats trading along the Creek had been held up by robbers on a small boat and their cargoes taken away. On November 29, a boatwoman was drowned.

Believing that the robberies were committed by the same gang, the Divisional Superintendent of the New Territories, Mr. N. B. Fraser, ASP, decided to use a decoy boat.

On November 30, Sub-Inspectors Wall and Kinloch, with other Chinese policemen, left Lau Fau Shan, the notorious pirate lair in a boat. When near Mong Chang, in Deep Bay, they saw a small boat approaching them.

The people on that boat called out to them the usual inquiries as to what cargo they were carrying and where they were bound for. The police, however, kept quiet, and the small boat began circling around the decoy boat.

When a shot was fired from the small boat, said Mr. Mottram, the police opened fire with their Bren gun and revolvers. There were cries from the small boat, and the police, going alongside, found three men on board. They told the boarding party that two men had gone overboard. Two of the three on board were wounded, and were later conveyed to Kowloon Hospital for treatment.

Two days later, St. Kinloch returned to the scene of the shooting when the tide was low. On the mud bank, he saw the bodies of two Chinese and, between them, a rifle. On one of the

Survivors' Story

The story told by the three survivors was that they were employed to keep guard over the oyster bed off Mong Chang. The police submit that there was no need to keep guard on that night as the tide was high and the beds were submerged.

Another significant feature of the incident, said Mr. Mottram, was that the rifle found near the two dead men bore the same number as that on one of the licensed rifles in the possession of a village in Mong Chang. Experiments made by the police revealed that the former number had been superimposed on the rifle.

Wong Yuk-lam, one of the five men on the boat, said that he was employed by Tang Ping to go on the boat and watch the oyster bed. He admitted that they could not see the bed owing to the state of the tide.

When Tang Ping saw a boat approaching from the opposite direction, he instructed witnesses to row towards it to see whether it was a robber boat. Tang Ping shouted to the other boat, "Are you come to steal the oysters?" and received the reply "No."

Tang Ping, said witness, then ordered the other boat away, but instead of doing so, some one on that craft opened fire.

In reply to Mr. Mottram, witness said that no one on his boat fired at the other craft, nor did he hear any shots fired.

Continuing, witness said that Tang Ping was wounded and fell into the water, shouting out, at the same time, "Save life. Don't shoot. We are oyster watchers." He then told witness and the other men to pull him on board but witness was so scared of the firing that he hid himself.

Jumps Overboard

When the shooting ceased, said witness, he jumped overboard and hid under the boat. He was ordered to go back on board by a European police officer, on the other boat which had tied up to "Tang Ping's" craft.

Witness went on to say that the oyster bed, owned by Tang Ping, over which they were keeping watch, was several times the size of the court room he was told by Mr. Mottram not to talk nonsense as evidence would be called that Tang's bed was only a small patch.

Witness agreed with Mr. Mottram that the oyster beds owned by the Mong Chang villagers, measuring about a mile, needed only two watchmen.

Witness said that he was unable to explain why the handroller should be on Tang Lin-kan when the rifle was in the possession of Tang Ping. He knew nothing of the rifle, nor how long Tang had it, nor if it was licensed.

Replying to another question, witness said that the reason why their boat was about half a mile from the nearest oyster bed when they met the police was that due to the high tide they could not see where the bed was.

Witness admitted that previous to meeting the decoy boat that night, Tang Ping had stopped two other boats and, on learning that they were carrying lime, had permitted them to pass.

Further evidence will be taken tomorrow.

Heavy Fine For Taxi Driver

At dawn on December 18 last, near the junction of Johnston Road and Hennessy Road, lay the body of an old woman, victim of a traffic accident.

She was a newspaper vendor. While crossing the road, she was struck by a private car and sustained serious injuries. Before she arrived at the Queen Mary Hospital, she was dead.

The driver, Mr. Lin-shing Lo, at Central yesterday to answer charges of dangerous driving and excessive speed. He was represented by Mr. J. M. d'Almeida Remedios.

Sub-Inspector W. Eggleston conducted the prosecution and Mr. F. D. Hammond held watch brief for the woman's family. Lo was taking his car back to the garage at Lockhart Road after a trip to Tai Hang Road and some distance from the junction of Johnston Road and Hennessy Road where Gilman's Garage stands, he saw the old woman running across the road from the south side.

Dawn Was Breaking

Dawn was just breaking and the headlights of his car were still on. Forty feet from the woman, Lo said to the police, he applied his brakes. The car failed to stop, however, and the woman was knocked down by the front nearside mudguard and headlamp. She lost consciousness instantly.

When the vehicle eventually skidded to a stop, Lo got down and found the woman lying on the ground some six or seven feet behind his car.

He picked her up, placed her in his car, and drove at once to Eastern Police station. An ambulance was summoned, and the woman was taken to the Queen Mary Hospital. On arrival, she was found to be dead.

After the prosecution had stated its case, the magistrate asked, St. Eggleston if he would apply for an adjournment for the preference of a more serious charge. The prosecuting officer replied that his instructions from Crown counsel were to proceed on the two charges as laid.

Defence counsel said that defendant had a clean record.

The fine of \$1,100 or six months in default was imposed on defendant. His licence was ordered to be endorsed.

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Ceremony At Stanley



The Colours of the 1st Battalion of The Buffs were trooped before the General Officer Commanding, Major-General F. R. G. Mathews, at Stanley Fort yesterday. The occasion marked the merging into one of the two Battalions of the Regiment. "China Mail" Photo.

Trooping Of Buffs Colours

The ceremony of Trooping the Colours by the First Battalion, The Buffs, was held yesterday morning on the square at Stanley Fort.

There was a bright and cheerful sun in the sky, which picked out the reds and whites and golds of the uniforms, and gave the scene a colour and sparkle that was good to see.

The Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, could not be present, as duty took him to the New Territories and the salute was taken by the General Officer Commanding, Major-General F. R. G. Mathews.

The parade began at 11.30 a.m. with the call "Advance" sounded by five buglers in scarlet tunics and conducted by Drum-Major Patterson. The square was empty but for five markers at the guard rail, and the band and drums, respectively, in white and red and playing a martial air, "Old Comrades" by Zehle.

Formed up into two long lines the guards stood waiting for the General to arrive.

As the GOC climbed out of his car and came down the steps towards the saluting base, "General Salute" was ordered by Lieutenant Colonel Parry and the whole parade presented arms. There was a flash of bayonets, saluting down the line of officers, and a flourish from the band.

While the General, the Danish Consul Mr. Huttelmer, and the Commanding Officer inspected the guards, the band played selections from the national anthems of the various countries.

The General spoke a few words to several of the men and after he had returned to the dais, Lieutenant Colonel Parry read the Order of the Day from General Scarlett, Colonel of the Regiment, emphasising the solemnity and importance of the occasion and wishing the regiment every good wish for the future.

Then a single command rang out, "Troop." The Escort to the Colours, Commanded by Major J. G. Atkinson, OBE, wheeled down the line and quick marched across the front of the parade to where the Colour Party stood.

The followed the impressive ceremony of the handing over of the Colours to the Escort, by Regimental Sergeant Major Cummings. The Colours took their place in front of the Escorting

Reminders

Today

Bridge Drive, European YMCA, 6 p.m.
HK Rotary Club luncheon, talk on "Rediffusion" by Mr. F. Harris, Roof Garden, HK Hotel, 12.30 p.m.
Urban Council meeting, GPO Bldg., 4.15 p.m.

Lecture on "The Task of Youth" by Rev. Fr. Macdonald, St. Mary's School hall, 8.30 p.m.
HK Light Orchestra rehearsal, St. John's Cathedral, 8.45 p.m.
St. Joseph's College, annual sports meeting, Caroline Hill, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Coming Events

TOMORROW
Toe H Club meeting, Talbot House, 50, Macdonnell Rd., 8.30 p.m.
HK Council of Social Services, lecture on "Infant and Child Welfare" by Miss K. K. Burne, PRO lecture room, 5.30 p.m.

Games Morning, Women's Section, European YMCA, 10 a.m.
Talk by Mr. D. W. Macintosh, Commissioner of Police, at European YMCA, 8.45 p.m.

THURSDAY
RAF Association luncheon, Jacobean Room, HK Hotel, 12.45 p.m.
Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Entertainment Evening, Club Lusitano, Ichoua Street, 6 p.m.

British Council weekly show, talk on "English Criminal Law" by Attorney-General, Helena May Institute, 5.30 p.m.
Y's Men's Club luncheon, Roof Garden, HK Hotel, 12.45 p.m.

Kowloon Rotary Club, Peninsula Hotel, 12.30 p.m.
Special Bridge-Mahjong Drive, European YMCA, 2.30 p.m.

FRIDAY
Monthly Guest Night, European YMCA (dinner from 7.30 p.m.), and one-act play and concert.
Women's Section meeting, European YMCA, 10 a.m.

Guard and the whole parade presented arms in salute.
In slow time the escort returned to its position on the right flank, carrying the Colours aloft down the line of the remaining guards.

The Escort paraded ranks to receive the Colours in their midst before marching off parade. Led by the drums they left the square to the tune of the Danish Design March, "Fanemarsch."

CORRESPONDENCE

The Editor takes no responsibility for views expressed in letters by correspondents, and by no means necessarily agrees with them.

Israel

Sir,—The leading article in your Saturday issue compels me to place some facts before your readers for their consideration.

In the first paragraph it is stated that British withdrawal from Palestine on the termination of the Mandate placed a new responsibility for the maintenance of law and order being imposed upon the Jewish and Arab (sic) inhabitants of the country, which in view of the past recurring spectacle of Jews and Arabs at each other's throats compelled the British Government to withhold support and recognition from the trouble-makers.

It cannot be assumed for one moment that the Arabs of Palestine are a responsible body who have depended upon to assume a part of the responsibility for maintaining law and order in their respective spheres of influence in the same way as the Jewish community have so nobly succeeded in their section of maintaining, as subsequent events have shown it, the whole situation.

Concerns this point revolved around three major events which altered the whole position, namely:—
(1) The military and political collapse of the Arab League.

(2) The collapse of the Arab war of conquest in Palestine produced a social convulsion in every Arab state.

(3) The existence of Israel.

In view of the above, events have certainly shown that the Jews were not 'trouble-makers' as implied above, for the simple reason, that even Arab states waded a concerted attack upon Israel and occupied territories outside the confines of their own states. Can it for one moment be said that the Jews were the aggressors for defending their own country?

Competent observers in Palestine have agreed that the removal of the huge Palestine administration has produced not the expected chaos, but more law, order and civil liberty than the population has ever known since 1939.

We have the authority of Mr. Crossman who in an interview with two non-Jewish Englishmen who did not leave the country with the retreating army reported the statement of one man:

"Miraculous but true. The only change since May 15 is that everything runs smoothly and we can now get on with our jobs without interference."

To the above remark, Mr. Crossman added:—
"With the removal of the Police State, into which the Mandate has degenerated, the nation has emerged equipped with civil and military administration; sea, road and rail transport, and full scale social services—the whole country is now a free country."

When, in the editorial under review, reference is made to the "blatant recognition of Jewish statehood" the circumstances which necessitated the delay, the reasons put forward are without basis and in complete variance with actual facts.

The very fact that America opposed British policy vis-a-vis the Palestine question, is a telling commentary that the former could not see eye to eye with Mr. Bevin's handling of the problem.

An impartial person can glean the true state of things by glancing through the report of the Parliamentary debate, in which Mr. Churchill once more proved his prowess not only as a debater of distinction, but one who could put out the entire policy of Mr. Bevin's government which "have always been one or two or sometimes three steps behind the march of events in the Palestine matter."

Mr. Eden and other leading personalities also had their say in what Mr. Churchill described as a "policy of folly, stupidity and failure."

The successful outcome of the present Rhodes Conference, and what it presages, can surely be ascribed to the sincerity with which the Israeli delegation has met its erstwhile opponent, Egypt.

It is a convincing proof that peace is destined to be the result of all else, in the desire to create stability in the Middle East. The blue-sky non of stability in that part of the world will surely not hinge on whether Britain extends or withholds recognition to Israel, but rather on Israel's peaceful intentions towards her Arab neighbours. This is the true test of the problem.

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Sir,—The recognition of Israel is not to be compared with the recognition of some countries with their numerous annexes such as we are resisting in Malaya or the anarchist forces the Dutch are trying to resist in Indonesia.

It is even to be reckoned in the perspective of one, two, or even three thousand years.

FAIR-MINDED.

You've Got Us Wrong

Sir,—We are somewhat perturbed to find that certain quarters have imputed to our letters in which we have criticised the projected Volunteers Defence Force scheme, motives and intentions which do not therein

have similarly misconstrued our arguments, we set them forth again here with the accuracy which we hope will permit no misinterpretation.

1. We contend that this Colony cannot, for geographical reasons, be successfully defended against any modern military organisation, and in this contention, it may surprise the protagonists of this scheme to know we have the support of men who were prominently employed in Combined Operations during the last war, and know whereof they speak.

It is moreover, interesting to note that this view is, to judge from the report carried in your news columns of today, what the sensible British quarters in Tokyo, whatever Whitehall may think.

2. We contend that the only danger to the Colony which can be successfully countered, is political not military, and that the volunteer Defence Force is not the correct answer to this problem.

Our aim is to abolish the prevention of upward incidents, and parades and military drills will not serve to achieve this aim. Anything that can be achieved in the suppression of civil disturbance can be better accomplished by a well trained, highly mobile police force, and unaided by any knowledge of mob psychology will agree that the appearance of a body of men armed and accoutred in military style is more likely to heighten existing tensions than would be the appearance of Police in extra strength.

3. We contend that by permitting an indeed, invading, onslaught of those whose political reliability is very questionable, those responsible fall in their duty towards the truly loyal residents of the Colony, and that until Government assumes prospective recruits of all applicants will be thoroughly investigated, men who be justified in hesitating to enlist. His Excellency has said that he wants every loyal man and woman to register, the inference being that failure to do so implies disloyalty.

We most respectfully suggest that His Excellency has overlooked the fact that Government owes a duty to the British people, and that, before placing a premium of loyalty upon registration, Government should discharge that duty by providing the assurance mentioned above.

We have not, and do not hold that the formation of a Security Force is unnecessary or, as some have said, that "Colonial Rule" should be "Never, any never again, again."

On the contrary, we have from time to time pointed out the dangers which confront the Colony and have stressed the need for urgency in this matter, but we do hold that if military preparation is to be made, it should be on a scale, and with definite assurances that adequate reinforcements will be forthcoming in time to prevent the Hong Kong Regiment being overwhelmed by superior numbers, and in view of the statement made by the Minister for Defence, Mr. Alexander, on February 2nd, in answer to a question concerning the defence of Hong Kong, in which he said that "all practicable measures would be taken by the Home Government," we cannot regard this assurance as having been received.

"Practicable" may cover a good deal of political expediency, but it does not cover every little of this of Hong Kong.

His Excellency has said that Government will welcome suggestions made with the idea of helping rather than hindering the defence of the Colony, and whilst we find it rather hard to reconcile this statement with the facts and figures, we have no doubt that Government has made its plans and would proceed to execute them, we have this suggestion to offer. Form a Security Force, and form it quickly, preferably on the lines of a Special Police Force, form, if it be necessary to gilden the lily, the Hong Kong Regiment, but for God's sake, do not expose intending volunteers to the necessity for having eyes in the back of their heads and of suspecting every man in the uniform of the organisation of being a fifth columnist.

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FREE LEGAL ADVICE OFFERED TO STEWART

The first case of free legal assistance to poor persons in criminal proceedings was taken up by Mr. Percy Chen yesterday when he undertook to defend Robert George Stewart, 26-year-old Admiralty clerk, charged with larceny by servant and falsification of accounts. Mr. Chen told Mr. Justice Wicks, before whom the case was heard, that a scheme was on foot whereby the Hong Kong Bar Association would assist poor persons in their defence at the Criminal Sessions. Agreement had been reached with the Law Society, and it only remained for arrangement to be made with the judicial authorities, he said.

Sentence In Theft Case This Morning

Sentence will be given this morning in the case of Chan Kee, aged 21, who was charged with stealing \$12,480 from the Woo Hing Company at No. 8 Wing Lok Street, East, with a duplicate key from the firm's safe.

Inspector Lowe said that defendant had been employed by the firm since the liberation and on Saturday the Police received information that the firm had lost a certain sum of money from their office safe.

Enquiries were made and defendant, the accountant, and a junior partner of the firm were suspected by the police. Eventually defendant admitted the theft and took the police to his mother's house at No. 125 Pui Yuen Street, third floor, where the money was recovered from the roof.

Mr. A. S. K. Lau, who represented the firm, said that he instructed to say a few words in mitigation on behalf of defendant. Chan, said Mr. Lau, is a young man and had been with the firm for four years. During that time he had shown himself to be diligent and very hard working and had carried out his work faithfully.

"I am asking your worship to bind him over and to give him a chance, as this is his first offence," continued Mr. Lau, and should defendant be given the chance the firm would be willing to have him back."

Traffic Case Remanded

After pleading guilty to traffic offence charges, Chan Wai-san told Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central yesterday that he would like to consult a lawyer and the case was remanded to this morning.

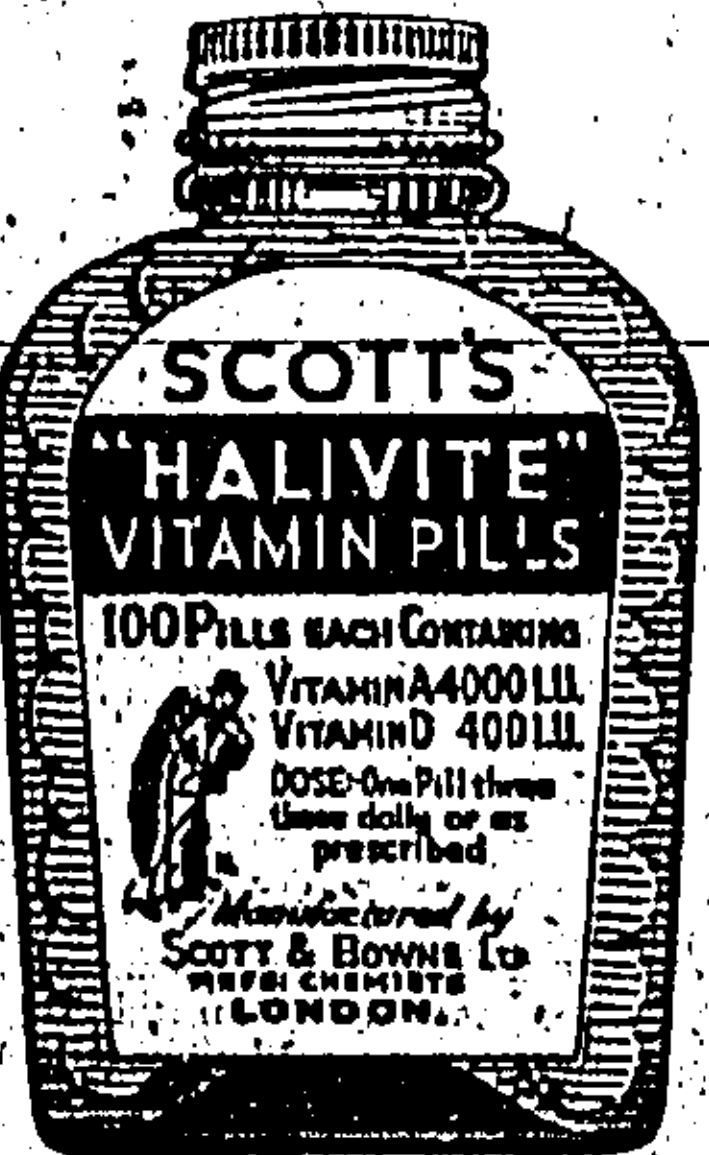
Chan was charged with careless driving, driving a car without the owner's consent, failing to report after an accident and with failing to stop after an accident.

According to the prosecution, defendant was driving a car on Saturday at Queen's Road Central when near the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank, collided with a stationary car No. 216.

The collision was so violent that his car pushed Car No. 216 across the road. The car then carried on and collided with another car.

The owner of Car No. 216, Mr. Zimmerman, made a report to the police. Defendant made a report to the police early on Sunday morning.

Defendant is on bail of \$1,500. Evading payment of 20 cents tramfare cost Ah Meng and Pak San \$100 and \$20, respectively, when they were charged at Central yesterday. First defendant had his bail extracted after failing to answer to the charge, and second defendant was fined \$20 by Mr. Hin-shing Lo.



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A shop full of fire-crackers, joss paper and joss sticks burst into flames yesterday in Stanton Street, sending up columns of dense black smoke. Owner had to wear gas mask to enter the shop. "China Mail" Photo.

Fire Breaks Out In Joss Paper Shop

A fire which broke out on the premises of the Wong Chau Kee Joss Paper Shop at 35 Stanton Street yesterday morning resulted in the death of a 14-year-old apprentice of the shop.

The body of the youth, who is reported to have rushed back into the shop to recover some personal belongings, and was trapped, was found in an empty petrol drum.

This is the third time in 17 years that the shop, which is named after its owner and which has been dealing in joss paper and firecrackers for more than 20 years, has been destroyed by fire.

Through causes not yet ascertainable, the fire broke out with alarming suddenness, and the flames soon involved the two upper storeys of the building, which is located in the middle of a block of seven concrete buildings.

The Emergency Unit, under Inspector Penfold, was first to reach the spot and did excellent work in helping panic-stricken residents from adjacent buildings to safety.

Shortly after the arrival of the Emergency Unit, four fire appliances under Divisional Officer R.H.J. Brooks arrived and a length of hose was quickly led to the fire.

Owing to the high level of the locality the pressure from the hydrants proved inadequate and water was merely trickling out of the hose nozzle.

As the water supply was far from satisfactory, turncocks of the Water Department were busily engaged shutting off various valves in other districts to increase the water pressure at the site of the fire.

This move resulted in an increased supply of water, and with the first jet in operation, the fire was put out in a matter of minutes and all danger of its spreading eliminated.

Through the actual flames were subdued, the whole building was enveloped in smoke, which made entry by firemen into the premises a most difficult task.

Time after time, parties of firemen who went into the building, forced back by the blinding smoke, were driven out.

The work of the firemen was also hampered by the incessant explosions caused by firecrackers which became ignited.

Later, firemen with oxygen breathing apparatus went to the first floor of the premises and were seen climbing a fairly large quantity of firecrackers into the street. These were collected and taken away by Fire Brigade officers.

Blind Women Rescued Two blind women were rescued from nearby buildings and treated by members of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, who, together with a number of Boy Scouts, arrived at the scene of the fire almost simultaneously with the Fire Brigade.

When the smoke had subsided, firemen who went to the rear portion of the ground floor found the body of the 14-year-old apprentice lying in an empty petrol drum.

Altogether, three pumps with three deliveries were played on the fire, which was not considered as completely under control until about 3 p.m.

According to Fire Brigade records, the same premises were completely gutted in 1932. The premises at that time were built on wood and the fire, that year, claimed 11 casualties.

In 1949, another fire broke out in the basement of the premises, which flames spread to the upper floors. Fortunately, there were no casualties on that occasion.

Carthage Arrives With 200 Passengers

The Peninsula and Oriental liner Carthage arrived yesterday from Southampton with more than 200 passengers.

Among the varied groups disembarking here were several local personalities, including Mr. Justice E. H. Williams and Mrs. Williams, returning from home leave.

Conspicuous among the visitors were the No. 1 Regional Band of the Royal Air Force, touring RAF units in the Far East. Led by Warrant Officer H.E. Wheeler, bandmaster, the band had a successful tour of Singapore and Malaya. During their stay here, the band will give a series of public performances, some of which will be broadcast over Radio Hong Kong.

Japanese passengers in transit to Japan, embarking at Colombo, include two secretaries of the National Committee of the YMCA, Kanda, Tokyo, Messrs. A. Ikeda and K. Shiozaki, and Professor T. Yamazaki of the Taisho College, Tokyo.

Among the students, doctors, missionaries, businessmen, newspapermen and musicians were Miss E.M. Church, physiotherapist, residing at 138, Austin Road, Mr. and Mrs. C.B. Burges of the Colonial Secretariat, Miss E.M. Figg, Secretary of the Hong Kong Telephone and Electric Company, Dr. W.H. Francis, Mr. Y.C. Lu, a journalist en route to Shanghai, Mr. and Mrs. A. Mitchell and children of the Prison's Department, Hong Kong, Mr. J.D. Morgan of the Hong Kong Shanghai Bank, Mr. C.K. Wong, a film distributor from Singapore, Mr. F. Smithman of the British Consulate, Hong Kong, Mr. C.W. Wang, Captain P.G.L. Canzani, RN, six American seamen returning to the United States by the General Meigs shortly, Mr. J.W. Swenson, American astronomer embarking at Colombo, Sister P. Fink, German Concession nurse, and Mr. A.M. Baxter of the British Consulate, Hong Kong.

The Carthage brought 750 tons of general cargo and 871 bags of mail. There were 20 tons of dangerous goods.

A personality among the crew is one of the quartermasters, formerly of the Royal Artillery. "To me Hong Kong is my home port. I love this island and its people, especially the Chinese," said the veteran sailor declining identification.

Visiting the Colony for the third time, he thinks the Chinese have a better outlook on life, better sense of humour, and are very understanding.

"The weather here is just comfortable. The South is too hot, while back home at it is too severe."

"If I have the chance to get a job ashore here, I'll jump to it," he remarked.

Mr. J. Reynaud arrived in the Colony yesterday from Shanghai by Air France.

Mr. Arthur Porter arrived in the Colony yesterday from Saigon by Air France. On the same plane was Mr. William Gibson, destined for Hanoi.

Among the passengers who left by CPA for Sydney yesterday included Messrs. John Huxley, Jose Maria Gbano, Hans Becher, Maurice McKenzie, Webber, Ernest F.P. de La Sala, Robert P. de La Sala, Edward P. de La Sala, Sydney P. de La Sala, Eugene A. Navonoff, Jacques Ehrlicher, Wolf Leib Gabor, and Robert La Sala.

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FOOD AND FUEL COSTS

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RICE RATIONING

The Rice Controller, Mr. Lee, has announced that during the rationing period, which will start on February 10, and will continue until the end of the year, the ration of rice for each person will be 100 lbs. per month.

Mr. Lee said that the rationing of rice was necessary because of the shortage of rice in the Colony. He said that the rationing of rice would help to ensure that everyone had access to rice, and that it would help to stabilize the price of rice.

Mr. Lee said that the rationing of rice would be implemented in a fair and equitable manner. He said that the rationing of rice would be based on the needs of each person, and that it would be adjusted as necessary.

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SHANGHAI DEFENCE MEASURES

Explosive Situation As Troops Arrive In Area

Serious Charge By American Journal

Shanghai, February 14.

The Combat Command of the Nanking-Shanghai-Hangchow Headquarters, established here recently, began functioning yesterday, according to Chinese reports.

General Tang En-po, Garrison Commander in Chief of the entire area, will work in this headquarters when in Shanghai and part of his personnel have already moved in there from Nanking.

Nationalist military circles claim that the Government have mobilised 700,000 troops for the defence of the triangular area bounded by Nanking, Shanghai and Hangchow.

(Neutral observers believe there is no more than 300,000 second-line troops massed on the Southern bank of the lower Yangtze).

In addition, they said armoured cars and tank units have been rushed to Shanghai from Canton and other Southern Nationalist bases. Defence construction work in Shanghai has been under way ever since General Tang's assumption of command of this area.

During the past few days, General Tang has issued several directives to his subordinates to speed up this work. He is of the opinion that only when the Nationalists have the strength to defend their territory will they have the right to negotiate with the Communists.

It was further learned that the general is making all efforts to provide accommodation for newly-arrived soldiers who were

alleged to have quartered themselves in private buildings during the past two weeks and to increase the pay and improve the living conditions of his troops here.

Incidental involving soldiers have diminished in the past few days but the situation remains "explosive" because of the hundreds of troops roaming around, carrying loaded rifles.

In an article in the latest issue of the American-owned "China Weekly Review," declares the problem of enforcing adequate discipline among disorganised ranks of the Nationalist troops is rapidly becoming critical.

It says that as the Kuomintang power has declined the discipline of the Nationalist troops has become progressively worse. "All too often it seems the commanders and lesser officers of these 'remnants' of the defeated armies are themselves not interested in controlling their men."

"We now hear rumours to the effect that some commanders are even demanding payment from civil leaders in towns about to be evacuated in the face of Communist attacks."

"Unless such payments, usually called 'bribes' for the troops 'protecting' the towns from bandits, are quickly handed over, the commander threatens to turn his troops loose to pillage the place. It has even been rumoured that preliminary 'bargaining' for this type of payment has started in the Shanghai area," the journal adds.—Reuter.

PALESTINE TALKS

Amman, February 13. The Transjordan delegation to the peace talks with Israel will go to Rhodes not earlier than February 10. It will comprise six delegates—four military and two civilian legal advisers.—Reuter.

RADIO

This is Radio Hong Kong broadcasting on a frequency of 845 kilocycles per second and on 0.52 megacycles per second in the 31 metre band.

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12.15 p.m.—Religious Talk to Children.

12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.

12.32 p.m.—"Here We Are Again" With Nils Williams, Mel Hixon, Harry Hudson, Joseph McNally, Sydney Shaw and Anton and His Orchestra.

1.00 p.m.—Harry Huxley and His Orchestra play some Waltzes. (G.R.H.S.)

1.15 p.m.—News, Weather Report and Announcements.

1.25 p.m.—Interlude.

1.30 p.m.—Hoson Promenade Orchestra conducted by Arthur Fidler.

2.00 p.m.—Close Down.

6.01 p.m.—"Fan Fare" A Variety Programme with Johnny Doran, Sylvia Welling, Sam Costa and the Geraldine Dance Orchestra, and Singers. (G.R.H.S.)

6.30 p.m.—Cantata by Radio Given by Miss Lee Wai Lan and S. K. Lee. (Studio)

6.50 p.m.—The New Mayfair Novelty Orchestra.

7.00 p.m.—World News and News Analysis. (London Relay)

7.15 p.m.—"See Tee" Talks on Sports. (Studio)

7.25 p.m.—Interlude.

7.30 p.m.—"The Gay Nineties" presented by Allene Woods. (Studio)

8.00 p.m.—"From the Editorial" (London Relay)

8.10 p.m.—"Nothing but Music" Queens Hall Light Orchestra. (G.R.H.S.)

8.40 p.m.—"Goodbye to all This" The Cruise of the Cap Pillar. (BBC's)

9.10 p.m.—Light Piano Parade.

9.25 p.m.—"Trial by Jury" Gilbert and Sullivan. Members of the D'Oyly Carte Opera Company, under the direction of Rupert D'Oyly Carte. (London Relay)

10.00 p.m.—Radio News Reel. (London Relay)

10.15 p.m.—Weather Report.

10.16 p.m.—Music in "Minister" (BBC's)

10.45 p.m.—Music for Dancing.

11.15 p.m.—Weather Report and Close Down.

Mosley Group Stages March

London, February 13.

Supporters of Sir Oswald Mosley, the leader of the anti-Semitic Union Movement, marched through the Jewish quarters of East London tonight for the first time since 1936.

Strong reinforcements of police rode in lorries before and behind the column of 200 chanting marchers. At one point, they sang a song to the tune of the Nazi Horst Wessel Lied.

It was the first political march in London since the Home Secretary, Mr. James Chuter Ede, lifted the ban on such processions last week. Sir Oswald Mosley was not with his men.—Reuter.

LAWYERS' TRICKS ALLEGED

Moscow, February 13.

Pravda, the Soviet Communist newspaper, today accused Britain and America of adopting "lawyers' tricks" in the Security Council to thwart the adoption of the Russian resolution calling for arms reduction and the prohibition of atomic weapons.

The Soviet resolution had "greatly embarrassed" the American and British representatives. It was stated, but whether they wanted to, or not, they would have to give straight forward answers to straight forward questions.

The Soviet Army newspaper, Red Star, declared today that United States ruling circles were to convert Persia into a bridgehead against the Soviet Union.

The Red Star added that priority is being given to railway lines in Northern Persia, which is of strategic importance, and attention is being paid to military projects in the areas bordering on the Soviet Union.—Reuter.

UNESCO TO MEET IN PARIS

Paris, February 13.

Leading international scientists, writers and educationalists will meet in Paris next June to discuss their responsibility to world peace at a conference called by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation. It was announced here today.

The meeting has been arranged to stimulate world interest in UNESCO and its aims. The UNESCO Executive Board has decided to give priority to its work this year to its educational, reconstruction programme and to a scheme for educational missions and seminars abroad.

More attention is to be given to scientific co-operation in Asia, Africa and Latin America, and to conservation of national resources and soil protection to help food production.—Reuter.

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Andre Marie Resigns

Paris, February 13.

M. Andre Marie, French Minister of Justice, has resigned, it was officially announced here tonight.

M. Marie, a Radical, is succeeded by a Popular Republican, M. Robert Lecourt. M. Marie resigned for health reasons, the announcement said.

Ill from renewed lung trouble, a legacy from two years in Nazi Buchenwald concentration camp, he was to enter a special clinic tonight.

M. Marie's resignation was regarded in Paris political circles as weakening the Premier, M. Henri Queuille's, Cabinet and as a success for the campaign conducted by General Charles de Gaulle.

No immediate Cabinet crisis was expected but it was thought the resignation would help the Gaullists to score a notable success in next month's elections for the departmental assemblies.

At Lille on Saturday, General de Gaulle said that if the Government refused to hold new general elections in the near future, the Gaullists would "throw out the usurpers."

Resistance Leader

M. Marie, a 51-year old barrister from Honfleur, won the Croix de Guerre in both wars and was taken prisoner in 1940. Released, he worked in the Resistance Movement and was arrested and taken to Buchenwald, where he remained for nearly 20 months before being liberated by the Americans in 1945.

Between the wars he had been Under-Secretary for Alsace-Lorraine in 1933 and for Foreign Affairs in 1934. Elected to both post-war Constituent Assemblies and to the National Assembly, he became leader of the Radical Parliamentary group and in 1946 entered the Ramadier Cabinet as Minister of Justice. He had held that post ever since.

Mr. Lecourt, who was Minister of Justice for a month when M. Marie was Prime Minister, is 41. He served in the second World War as a sub-lieutenant in the French Air Force and holds the Croix de Guerre.

Like M. Marie, he is a Norman, a barrister and a former member of the Resistance. He has a reputation for favouring strong action against both economic and political collaborators.

The appointment of M. Edgar Faure (Radical) as Under-Secretary of Finance was also announced tonight. M. Faure assisted M. Francois de Menthon as French prosecutor at the Nuremberg war crimes trials.—Reuter.

Admiral B. C. Ramsey and General Douglas MacArthur discussed mutual responsibilities for the defence of Japan in their recent conference in Tokyo.

The Pacific Fleet Commander said so yesterday on his return from an inspection visit. He said he did not talk with General MacArthur about any American military withdrawals from Japan.

Admiral Ramsey, at a press conference, said reports from China of a Nationalist decision to withdraw from Tsingtao were "news to me." He said he did not believe there was any factual basis for such speculation.

In his visit to Tsingtao, Admiral Ramsey said, he talked to the Mayor and with the Nationalist Military Commander for the area. He got no impression that they planned to get out.

The Pacific Fleet chief told reporters he could not say whether American naval forces would leave Tsingtao if Chinese Communists moved into the city.

"What is to be done will be decided on the spot by Vice Admiral O. C. Badger," he said.—Associated Press.

Geologists

Auckland, February 13.

Geologists attending the Pacific Science Congress here are examining the first lava flow in New Zealand for at least 60 years from the erupting volcano Ngauruhoe, in North Island.

The lava, which is 15 feet thick and covers a large area, has ceased to move as a solid mass but large pieces are being forced off by the increasing pressure at the bottom of the slope.

The volcano, which erupted last week, was reported to be less active today.—Reuter.

Troops Pour Into Kukong

Canton, February 14.

Kukong, a Northern Kwangtung stronghold, is today a hive of military activity, according to arrivals in Canton from that city.

The place is seething with soldiers, most of whom have come from the North, the newcomers say. All schools and unoccupied houses have, it is said, been occupied by the military and the conversion of school campuses and private dwellings into temporary or permanent military camps is causing a good deal of inconvenience and annoyance to the educational authorities and to the local inhabitants.

Kwunglung, is said to be strategically valuable and is apparently now being utilized both for the training of new troops and for the regrouping of Nationalist armies which have retreated, have been transferred South from North of the Yangtze.

Military observers recall that Kukong was one of the main battlefields for the forces pushing Northwards during the Northern Expedition of 1923-25 which resulted in the establishment on a firm basis of the Nationalist Government.

Kukong is also synonymous with General Yu Han-mou, the present Director of the Canton Pacification Headquarters, for while he was there in 1935 he achieved military prominence by staging a mutiny against the regime of General Chen Chai-tang. This mutiny and its subsequent developments saw the overthrow of General Chan and the inclusion of South China into Chiang Kai-shek's sphere of influence.—Reuter.

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"Strategy In A Certain Eventuality"

By Winston Churchill

At 1 p.m. on May 27 Lord Gort was sent a telegram from the War Office telling him that his task henceforward was "to evacuate the maximum force possible." M. Reynaud had been informed of this policy the day before. The success of the evacuation was, of course, still problematical.

THE question about our ability to go on alone, which I had asked Mr. Chamberlain to examine with other Ministers 10 days before, was now put formally by me to our military advisers. I drafted the reference purposefully in terms which, while giving a lead, left freedom to the Chiefs of Staff to express their view, whatever it might be. I knew beforehand that they were absolutely determined; but it is wise to have written records of such decisions.

I wished moreover to be able to assure Parliament that our resolve was backed by professional opinion. Here it is, with the answer:

"We have reviewed our report on 'British Strategy in a Certain Eventuality' in the light of the following terms of reference submitted to us by the Prime Minister:

"In the event of France being unable to continue in the war and becoming neutral, with the Germans holding their present position and the Belgian army being forced to capitulate after assisting the British Expeditionary Force to reach the coast; in the event of terms being offered to Britain which would place her entirely at the mercy of Germany through disarmament, cessation of naval bases in the Channel, etc.; what are the prospects of our continuing the war alone against Germany and probably Italy?"

Reasonable Hopes

"Can the Navy and the Air Force hold out reasonable hopes of preventing serious invasion, and could the forces gathered in this island cope with raids from the air involving detachments not greater than 10,000 men; it being observed that a prolongation of British resistance might be very dangerous for Germany engaged in holding down the greater part of Europe?"

2. Our conclusions are contained in the following paragraphs.

3. While our Air Force is in being, our Navy and Air Force together should be able to prevent Germany carrying out a serious seaborne invasion of this country.

4. Supposing Germany gained complete air superiority, we consider that the Navy could hold up an invasion for a time, but not for an indefinite period.

5. If with our Navy unable to prevent it, and our Air Force gone, Germany attempted an invasion, our coast and beach defences could not prevent German tanks and infantry getting a firm footing on our shores. In the cir-

Indeed, if the unfortunate strife between the Burma Government and Karens could be brought to an end, there is ground for hope that it would not be long before all hopes faded of a Communist seizure of power by force.

But though the motive for the attack by the "New Times" is comparatively easy to understand, its line remains mysterious. One can only suppose that the five companies which are alleged to have urged Britain's Socialist Government to give Burma freedom in order to bring the country more firmly under their capitalistic control include those companies whose properties have been nationalised.

That seems a curious way to set about domination, especially as nationalisation of major foreign investments had always figured prominently in the programme of the Union Government.

Britain has made many errors, certainly. But with the exception of Soviet Russia which thrives on chaos—outside her own gates—no man would wonder how many other nations who rallied at that tiny imperialism in the North Seas are glad to see the world sea lanes and great ports virtually bare of British warships and well-disciplined bluejackets. If there are any regrets, it's too late now. This is another job which the new power of America is going to find incapable.

circumstances envisaged above our land forces would be insufficient to deal with a serious invasion.

6. The crux of the matter is air superiority. Once Germany had attained this, she might attempt to subjugate this country by air attack alone.

7. Germany could not gain complete air superiority unless she could knock out our Air Force, and the aircraft industries, concentrated at Coventry and Birmingham.

8. Air attacks in the aircraft factories would be made by day or by night. We consider that we should be able to inflict such casualties on the enemy by day as to prevent serious damage. Whatever we do, however, by way of defensive measures—and we are pressing on with these with all despatch—we cannot be of protecting the large industrial centres, upon which our aircraft industries depend, from serious material damage by night attack. The enemy would not have to employ precision bombing to achieve this effect.

Moral Effect

9. Whether the attacks succeed in eliminating the aircraft industry depends not only on the material damage by bombs, but on the moral effect on the workpeople and their deter-

mination to carry on in the face of wholesale havoc and destruction.

10. If therefore the enemy presses home night attacks on our aircraft industry, he is likely to achieve such material and moral damage within the industrial area concerned as to bring all work to a standstill.

11. It must be remembered that, as a result of the German have a superiority of four to one. Moreover, the German aircraft factories are well dispersed and relatively inaccessible.

12. On the other hand, so long as we have a counter-offensive bomber force, we can carry out similar attacks on German industrial centres and by moral and material effect bring a proportion of them to a standstill.

13. To sum up, our conclusion is that prima facie Germany has most of the cards; but the real test is whether the morale of our fighting personnel and civil population will counterbalance the numerical and material advantages which Germany enjoys. We believe it will.

This report, which of course was written at the darkest moment before the Dunkirk Deliverance, was signed not only by the three Chiefs of Staff, Newall, Pound, and Ironside, but by the three Vice-Chiefs, Dill, Phillips, and Pelre. Reading it in after-years, I must

admit that it was grave and grim. But the War Cabinet and the few other Ministers who saw it were all of one mind. There was no discussion. Heart and soul we were together.

To Lord Gort

I now addressed myself to Lord Gort:

At this solemn moment I cannot help sending you my good wishes. No one can tell how it will go. But anything is better than being cooped up and starved out. I venture these few remarks. First, cannon ought to be sent, and they may as well be sent doing that as any other way. Second, I feel very anxious about Ostend till it is occupied by a brigade with artillery. Third, very likely the enemy tanks attacking Calais are tired and, anyhow, busy on Calais. A column directed upon Calais while it is still held out might have a good chance. Perhaps they will be less formidable when attacked themselves.

2. It is now necessary to tell the Belgians. I am sending following telegram to Keyes, but your personal contact with King is desirable. Keyes will help. We are asking them to sacrifice themselves of us.

3. Presume four troops know they are cutting their way home to Blighty. Never was there such a spur for fighting. We shall give you all that the Navy and Air Force can do. Anthony Eden is with me now and joins his good wishes to mine. Enclosure:

To Adm. Keyes

Prime Minister to Admiral Keyes. Instruct following to your friend (the King of the Belgians). Pruma he knows that British and French are fighting their way to coast between Gravelines and Ostend inclusive, and that we propose to give fullest support from Navy and Air Force during hazardous embarkation. What can we do for him? Certainly we cannot serve Belgium's cause by being hemmed in and starved out. Our only hope is victory, and England will never quit the war whatever happens till Hitler is beat or we cease to be a State. Trust you will make sure he leaves with you by seaplane before too late. Should our operation prosper and he establish [an] effective bridgehead, we would try, if desired, to carry some Belgian divisions to France by sea. Vially important Belgium should continue in war, and safety [of] King's person essential.

Issued the following general instruction:—

(Strictly Confidential.) 27.4.40. In these dark days the Prime Minister would be grateful if all his colleagues in the Government, as well as important officials, would maintain a high morale in their circles, not minimising the gravity of events, but showing confidence in our ability and inflexible resolve to continue the war till we have broken the will of the enemy to bring all Europe under his domination.

No tolerance should be given to the idea that France will make a separate peace; but whatever may happen on the Continent, we cannot doubt our duty, and we shall certainly use all our power to defend the Island, the Empire and our Cause.

To Adm. Keyes

There is a move afoot in Canton to abolish Sun Fo's Government trade restricting agencies. There are also hints of another move on the part of the Japanese to the foregoing sentence.

A special committee recently advised that all dogs in the Colony should be inoculated against rabies before the hot weather. Since then it has been further recommended that Englishmen go out into the mid-day sun alone.

A correspondent writes: "I have been in the Colony three months and have seen no signs of wild life." We can't be sure whether this is cry of a disappointed naturalist or a frustrated night raker.

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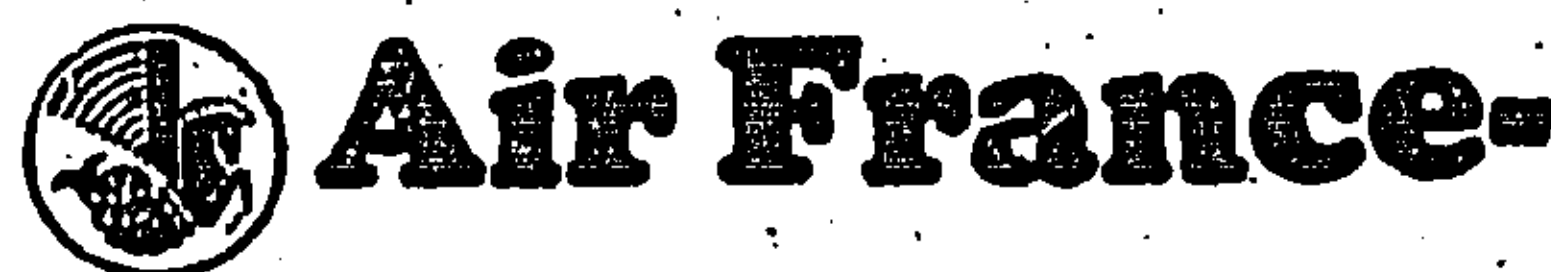


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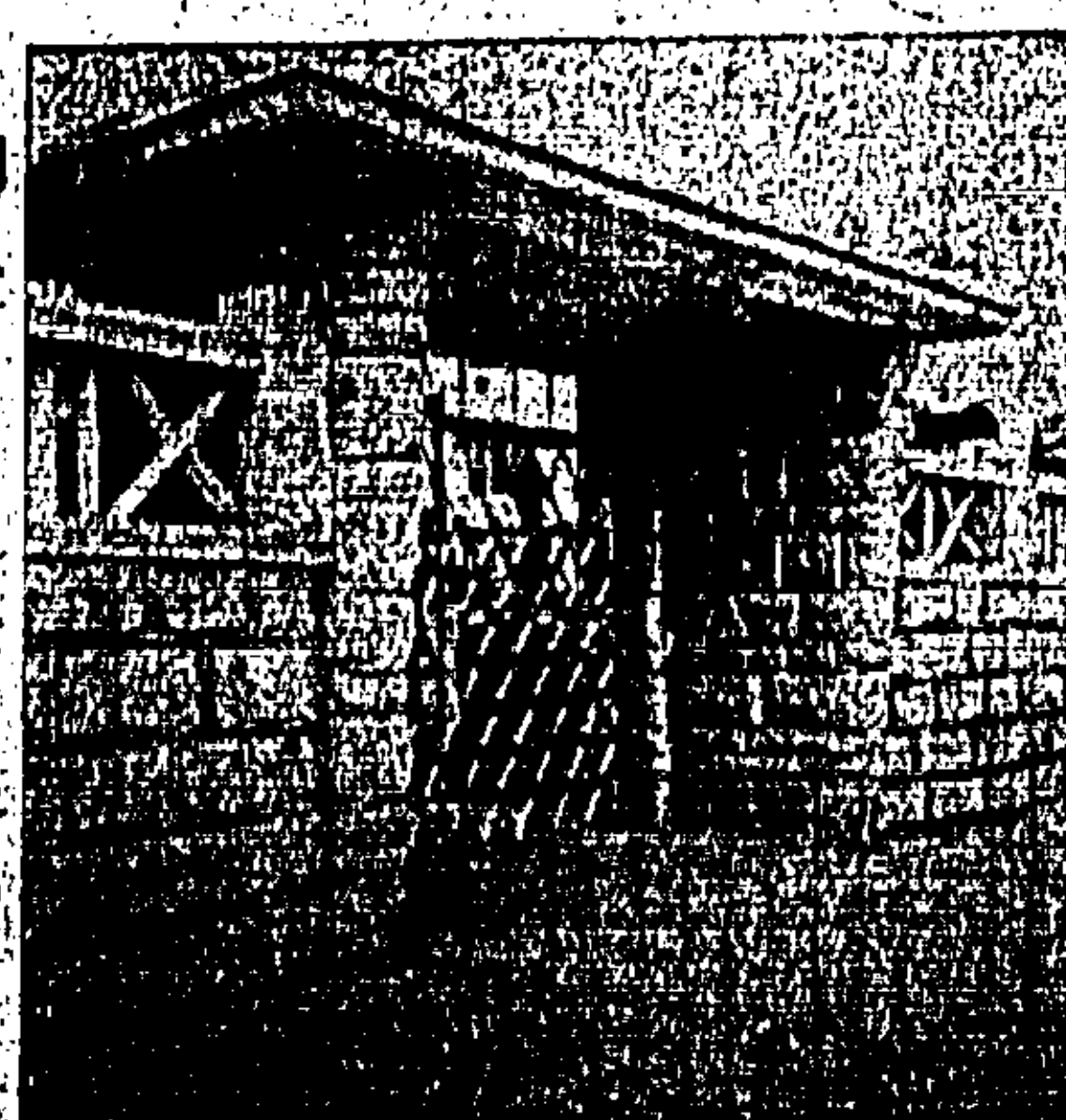
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We need not mention the China Coast, India or Palestine. Take Burma alone—this week's immediate target for Soviet propaganda. The Moscow "New Times" attacks Britain for giving the country independence on the grounds that it did so in order to enable five unsuspected British companies to dictate to the new government.

The reason for the outbreak of anger is perhaps not hard to find. Despite every effort by the Communists in Burma, the Government of the Union has not been destroyed by them nor have they succeeded in creating that total chaos from which the Kremlin might reasonably have hoped to benefit.

DO YOU KNOW YOUR HONG KONG?

Can you recognize where this picture was taken? The answer is in Page Seven.



"In Sea Battle," says a headline. We couldn't agree with this more.

At a godown fire, water playing on soap turned into lather. Many a fireman slipped with a thickening sud.

Chinese owners of European-style hotels are protesting against the Hotel Rates Ordinance provisions. If it goes on much longer, the situation will get entirely out of control.

Milton Reynolds has suddenly come to life with a belated claim to have flown over the Amne Machin mountain range. No-one so far has picked him with a ball-point pen.

It is good for a man to have something to worry about. It's also good for him to get away from her sometimes.

The Hong Kong racecourse gets more crowded every fortnight, asserts a sporting correspondent. Perhaps that's why the horses we back never get a place.

According to latest calculations the United States, at the present rate of soil erosion will cease to exist in 300,000,000 years. How comforting for the Russians. All they have to do is sit back and wait.

Grave-diggers at "The Gates of Heaven" in New York are on strike. But this has nothing to do with the announcement of a new plane carrying 180 passengers.

When the U.S. War Department has made up its mind about its future in Japan, journalists may begin to believe what they are told.

There is a move afoot in Canton to abolish Sun Fo's Government trade restricting agencies. There are also hints of another move on the part of the Japanese to the foregoing sentence.

A special committee recently advised that all dogs in the Colony should be inoculated against rabies before the hot weather. Since then it has been further recommended that Englishmen go out into the mid-day sun alone.

A correspondent writes: "I have been in the Colony three months and have seen no signs of wild life." We can't be sure whether this is cry of a disappointed naturalist or a frustrated night raker.

"Forget that old-fashioned unchanging East stuff."

Issued the following general instruction:—

(Strictly Confidential.) 28.4.40. In these dark days the Prime Minister would be grateful if all his colleagues in the Government, as well as important officials, would maintain a high morale in their circles, not minimising the gravity of events, but showing confidence in our ability and inflexible resolve to continue the war till we have broken the will of the enemy to bring all Europe under his domination.

No tolerance should be given to the idea that France will make a separate peace; but whatever may happen on the Continent, we cannot doubt our duty, and we shall certainly use all our power to defend the Island, the Empire and our Cause.

"Forget that old-fashioned unchanging East stuff."

Washington Denial Raises Eyebrows In Tokyo

THAT'S THEIR STORY AND THEY STICK TO IT

BAO DAI EXPECTED TO RETURN

Paris, February 13. General Nguyen Van Xuan, Prime Minister of the Vietnam (Indo-China) Provisional Central Government, was present today when 10,000 people attended a meeting organised at Hanoi (Tonkin) by the "Committee to prepare Bao Dai's return to Vietnam," the Agence France Presse reported.

Mr. Phan Van Gao, Governor General of Central Vietnam, declared: "Thanks to the immense prestige of the Emperor, we have been able to obtain results which the Government of Ho Chi-minh proved incapable of obtaining."

He added that on the ex-Emperor's return, he would appeal for "the unity of all Vietnamese," excluding those groups "who maintain totalitarian principles of partisan dictatorship and who profess subversive anti-national and anti-democratic ideas."

Meanwhile, a leading official of the French Ministry of Overseas Territories, M. Jacques-Bernard Hertzog, had conversations at Cannes today with the ex-Emperor on French-Indo-Chinese relations.

The Vice-Premier of the Central Vietnam Government, Mr. Tran Van Huu, also participated in today's talks. A member of the Vietnamese entourage told Reuters that there is still a difference of opinion whether Cochinchina would be kept as French territory or whether it would be permitted to become an integral part of Vietnam.

Mr. Hertzog indicated, however, that he is optimistic and thought that the work in progress would naturally result in the return of Bao Dai to Indo-China.—Reuters.

De Valera On Ulster Vote

Newcastle, February 13. Mr. Eamon de Valera, former Prime Minister of Eire, said here today: "So long as a single British soldier occupies any territory in Ireland, then long will it be impossible to get the Irish people to be friendly with Britain."

"It is a sad thing that a small minority of our people can continue to bedevil the relations between the two countries."

Referring to Ulster's Unionists, he said: "We cannot of ourselves get them to throw in their lot with their fellow countrymen but you can by not continuing to give them the support you are giving them now. He appealed for a fresh examination of the question by the people of Britain.—Reuters.

Tokyo, February 13. Washington's categorical denial that high-ranking United States Army officials had said in Tokyo last week that the United States contemplated withdrawing her occupation troops from Japan has caused surprise in informed quarters here today.

Most of official Tokyo has known for a week that a special press conference, from which General Douglas MacArthur's Public Information Officer was excluded, was called last Sunday night by a high United States military authority and that only certain American correspondents were invited to attend.

The disclosures made at the conference were to be circulated without compromising the source. Reuters later obtained a transcript of the press conference after agreeing to abide by the conditions imposed upon the American correspondents.

The transcript, quoting a high military authority directly, said: "I don't think we have a single obligation to these people. (The Japanese) for anything."

"I don't think we have any moral obligation or any other kind of obligation to feed them or protect them. I tend to the opinion that if (Japan) is valuable in the case of a war with Russia, I don't know what our troops could do in the event of the outbreak of war. It might be better to pull out before war starts."

The transcript added that any announcement would be premature, but the source expected to say something about the situation in a month or two.

The Transcript

Following are other excerpts from the transcript:

"I am not certain we could hold Japan, nor am I certain it would be worthwhile as long as we have Okinawa (midway between Japan and Formosa) and the Philippines, which are relatively safer and from where we can mount a strategic air attack. Nor would we have the problem of feeding a civil population of 80 million."

"The fact that some countries might think we have moral obligations in Japan to protect the Japanese is all the more reason why we should pull out before anything happens."

"Even with a Russian Japan, we can still shove dollars in here to keep the Japanese anti-Communist and on our side."

Japanese Report

The Japanese Kyodo news agency tonight quoted "a high-ranking officer of the Supreme Command in Japan" for the statement that nothing had happened anywhere to indicate that any change of policy had taken place in the United States.

The officer was quoted as saying that a "most highly inflammable fuel" had been placed in the hands of the Communists. "The people can rest secure that they will not be sacrificed by any United States action. They can rest safely in the knowledge that no action is to be taken which will not encourage a peaceful, sturdy growth in world relations."

This was the first official statement from a Supreme Command source on the reports, which are still causing a sensation here.—Reuters-A.P.

A Further Denial

Washington, February 13. The report giving extracts from the transcript of remarks in Tokyo by a high American

Socialisation In Berlin

Berlin, February 13. A small Berlin racecourse, three chocolate firms and all Eastern sector breweries are among the 485 firms in the Soviet sector of Berlin whose socialisation under the law of February 8 was announced today.

The firms were described as formerly owned by Nazi activists and war criminals, and are now to be transferred without indemnity to the city of Berlin as "the property of the people."—Reuters.

Japan Not Good For Communism

Manila, February 13. Japan is not a fertile land for Communist infiltration, according to Monsignor Paul Marcella, recently appointed Apostolic Delegate to Australia, who is enroute to Darwin to assume his new post.

On the contrary, he said, Communism will find Japan a barren land for its growth for the simple reason that the Japanese do not go for it.

The Holy See prelate arrived on Saturday afternoon on board a Qantas Airways Lancaster plane from Japan on his way to Australia. Japanese who show interest in Communism, he said, do not understand what it is all about. Their number, he added, is negligible and presents no immediate danger to the country.—Reuters.

Koreans Urged Not To Aggravate Tension

Seoul, February 13.

The Chairman of the United Nations Korean Commission today urged Koreans not to aggravate the tension in this divided country.

The Commission is seeking a peaceful solution between the Republican South and the Communist North.

The Commission Chairman, Australia's Patrick Shaw, made the statement at a Seoul stadium mass meeting held to welcome the United Nations group. The meeting was attended by 40,000 Koreans after police arrested 10 Communists plot to blow up a section of the stadium grandstand.

Replying to a message read for the ailing Korean Republic President, Mr. Syngman Rhee, Mr. Shaw said:

"Our aim is to make some breach in those cast-iron barriers behind which relations between the two parts of the country are stagnating. Stagnation and ignorance lead often to stubborn bitterness and from there the stage to conflict is all too easy."

To Contact North

Earlier, the seven-nation Commission at its first public meeting announced its intention of establishing active contact with the Communist regime of North Korea.

The North Korean Radio has referred to the United Nations Commission as a tool of the American imperialists.

Dr. Liu Yu-wan, China's member, said that without early unity Korea's newly-gained independence cannot long endure.

Mr. Yasin Mughir, Syria's member, said: "There is no strong, justifiable reason for the continuation of our work if and when it becomes clear that such an objective cannot be achieved."

Dr. Rufino Luna of the Philippines said the North has a standing invitation to elect representatives to join the Seoul Government.—Associated Press.

WHEN REDS FALL OUT

Belgrade, February 13.

The Yugoslav Communist Party newspaper, Borba, called the Albanian leaders "adventurers who had lost all sense of responsibility," because they refused to join Yugoslavia in reclaiming 40,000 hectares of marshland on the two countries' borders.

It alleged the Albanian decision was made because of the Cominform resolution expelling Marshal Tito. The scheme would have lowered the waters of Lake Scutari by diverting the river Drin, and would have been "the greatest socialist project in the Balkans."

Yugoslavia would now undertake the more complicated work of drainage on her own side of the frontier only, it was added.—Reuters.

NO DECISION

Washington, February 14. The United States Government is expected to decide this week whether to expel Hungarian Minister Andrew Sik in retaliation for the forced recall of the American envoy to Budapest, Selden Chapin.—Associated Press.

EARL BALDWIN IN LONDON UNREPENTANT

London, February 13.

Earl Baldwin of Bowdley, 49-year old Governor of the Leeward Islands, in the West Indies, who was recalled here by the Colonial Office, will tell the Colonial Secretary, Mr. Arthur Creech Jones, tomorrow that "unless I return to the Leeward Islands I will not be responsible for what may happen," according to today's "Sunday Dispatch."

On arriving unexpectedly at Newhaven last night, the Labour Peer told a reporter for another Sunday newspaper, the "News of the World," "You can quote me as saying that I certainly am not giving up the job unless I am sacked."

Mr. Creech Jones told the House of Commons on Wednesday that sugar planters on the islands had not sought the Governor's recall and that he himself had not "taken umbrage at the Governor's speech opening the islands' Legislative Council last December. The speech implied criticism of British colonial policy and administration."

Bombarded with demands from both Labour and Conservative Members for assurances that Lord Baldwin would be returning to the islands, the Colonial Secretary would say only that the Governor was coming here for consultations," adding: "I am not at this stage going to prejudge the future."

Deapon Things

In a front-page interview in the "Sunday Dispatch," Earl Baldwin was quoted as saying: "I may be sacked. You can discount my speech that the papers snatched about that. There was nothing wrong with it. There are deeper things than that."

The pipe-smoking bachelor son of the late Prime Minister, Lord Baldwin, said he could not discuss the reason for his recall. "But I know the white nigger in the woodpile," he confessed. "You see, I have always tried to be human, and they say it lacks dignity."

"The Leeward Islands are backward—very backward. Hospital service—shocking. Social services—more money urgently needed."

Of the islands' white population which, he said, did not approve of his policies, Earl Baldwin said: "Do you know, I never met a Tory in my life so reactionary as some of the white people there. They just don't exist anywhere else."

Impartality

He wanted to be impartial between the natives and the small white population, the Governor said. "For that reason I think the natives believed they were getting a fair deal."

Recalling how he settled three strikes which were in progress on his arrival in the islands last April, Lord Baldwin said: "I just went into the streets and talked to them. I believe that no Governor did that before. It soon stopped the trouble. But there were certain people who didn't like it. Not dignified, no doubt."

The Governor said the islands' demonstration at the quay when he left was "heart-breaking." Since his departure the workers, using the slogan: "No Baldwin, No Cane," have threatened not to harvest the sugar crop unless he returns.—Reuters.

JUST A WARNING TO JAPAN

Melbourne, February 13.

Mr. William MacMahon Ball, former member of the Allied Control Council in Japan, said tonight he thought statements that the United States might abandon Japan in face of a threatened war were intended to shock Japanese moderates into a greater effort against Communism.

Mr. Ball, who is head of the Department of Political Science at Melbourne University, said: "The Japanese have been going slow and sabotaging American efforts to make the nation self-supporting, believing they are indispensable to America in opposition to Japan."

"The Americans, however, have taken a tumble, and now realise the Japanese are leading them up a very steep garden path. The Americans have now given the Japanese moderates a warning that they would understand. "America was not content to pump dollars into Japan and watch the Communist Party grow larger every day. Japanese moderates must take the hint and shoulder some of the burdens of opposing the Communists."—Reuters.

Surprising And Tactless

Nicosia, February 13.

Archbishop Makarios of Cyprus today cabled to the Greek Prime Minister, M. Themistocles Sophoulis, and the Foreign Minister, M. Constantin Tsaldaris, urging the Greek Government to demonstrate against the "unjust intervention by Turkey in a matter which solely concerns Greece" and her daughter Cyprus.

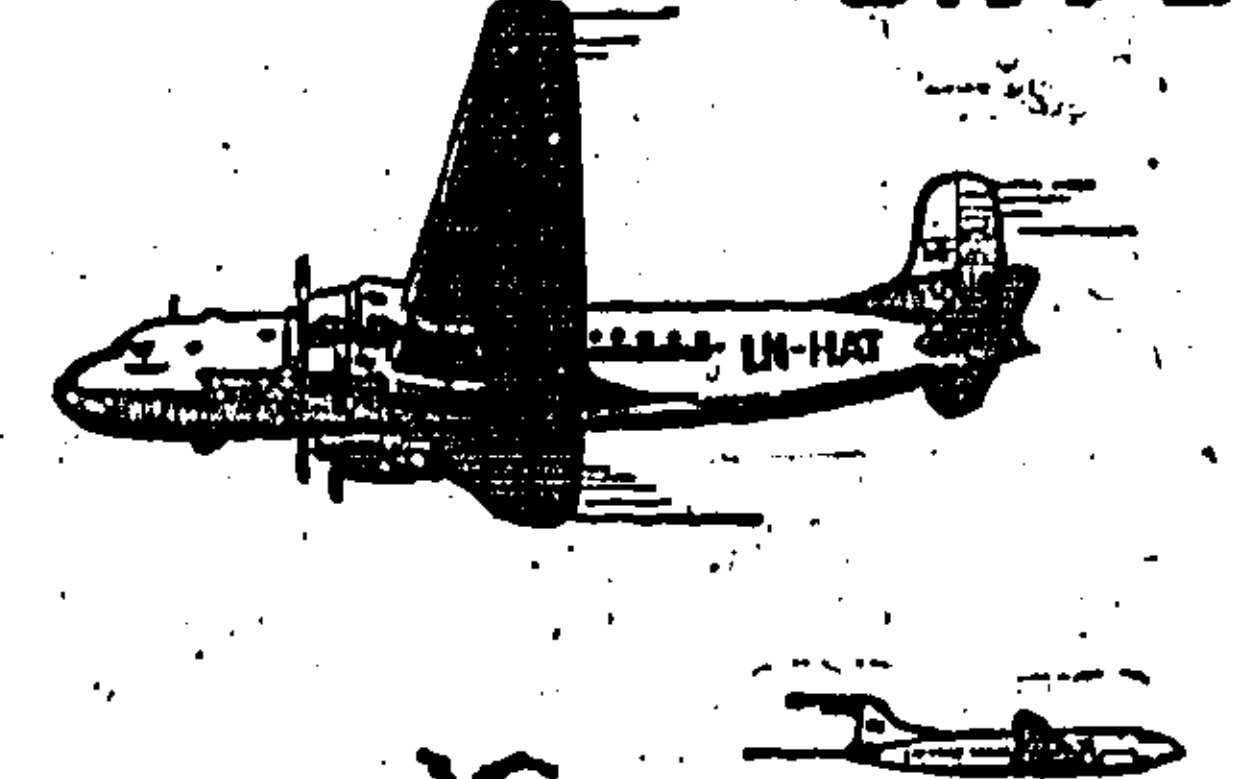
It was protesting on behalf of Cypriots against a reported statement by the Turkish Foreign Minister to the effect that Cyprus would never be ceded by Britain to Greece.

This statement was "surprising and tactless," he declared.—Reuters.

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"TSINAN"	Swatow	3 p.m. 20th Feb.
"FOYANG"	(Shanghai?) & Japan	18th Feb.
"SHENGKING"	Shanghai	4 p.m. 21st Feb.
"HUNAN"	Singapore, Macassar, Soerabaya & Batavia	10 a.m. 20th Feb.
"PENGTIEN"	Swatow	23rd Feb.

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"SINKIANG"	Borneo & Hothow	15th Feb.
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"NINGHAI"	Singapore	18th Feb.
"FOYANG"	Singapore	18th Feb.
"TSINAN"	Swatow	9 a.m. 19th Feb.
"SHENGKING"	Shanghai & Keelung	21st Feb.
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JAVA-CHINA SERVICE

Arrivals	Sailings
"TJISADANE" from Amoy 19th Feb.	to Javaports & Macassar 17th Feb.
"TASMAN" from Macassar 19th Feb.	to Manila 18th March.
"TJITJALENGKA" in port 19th Feb.	to Javaports & Macassar 17th March.
"TJIBADAK" from Macassar & Javaports 3rd March.	to Javaports & Macassar 17th March.

ASIA-AFRICA-S. AMERICA SERVICE

Arrivals	Sailings
"STRAAT SOENDA" from South Africa 16th Feb.	to South Africa 21st March.
"BOISSEvain" from South Africa 16th Feb.	to South Africa 18th April.
"STRAAT MALAKKA" from South Africa 16th Feb.	to South Africa 12th May.

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Arrivals	Sailings
"VAN HEUTSZ" from Amoy & Swatow 20th Feb.	to Straits & B. Dell 27th Feb.
"VAN RIEMDIJK" from B. Dell & Spore 5th Mar.	to Straits & B. Dell 17th Mar.

Agents: HOLLAND-EAST ASIA LINE

Arrivals	Sailings
"RIJNHERK" from Europe 19th Feb.	to S'hai, Japan via Keelung 21st Feb.
"MELISKERK" from Europe 4th March.	to Europe via Manila & Straits 8th March.
"MARIEKERK" from Europe Early April.	to Europe via Manila & Straits Mid April.
"MOLENKERK" from Europe Early May.	to Europe via Manila & Straits Mid May.

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London, February 13.

Hong Kong Stock Exchange

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little interest.

H.K. GOVT. LOANS:

4 1/2% Loan 1914-15.

5 1/2% Loan (1924 & 1940) 100n.

5 1/2% Loan (1945) 101 1/2n.

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H.K. & S. Bank 1920n.

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Union Waterways 37n.

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DOCKS, WHARVES, GODOWNS, Etc.:

H.K. & K. Wharves (Old) 140n.

(New) 135n.

North Point Wharves 7n.

Sh. Hunkew Wharves 25n.

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Shanghai Dockyards 10 1/2n.

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MINING:

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H.K. Lands 6 1/2n.

Shanghai Lands 3,350, 3,400, 3,400n.

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(New) 13 1/2n.

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PUBLIC UTILITIES:

H.K. Tramways 100,000n.

Peak Tram (Old) 21 1/2n.

(New) 11n.

Star Ferry X.D. 120n.

C. Lights (Old) 16,200, 16n.

(New) 11,900.

H.K. Electric 8 1/2n.

Macao Electric 20 1/2n.

Sankian Light 10 1/2n.

Telephone 85n.

Shanghai Gas 6 1/2n.

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Dairy Farm (Old) 44 1/2n.

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Kwong Sang-Hong 180n.

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(New) 4n.

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(New) 15n.

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Shanghai-Malaya 4n.

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Unsettled and rather worried describes the state of the stockmarkets in London at present. For this, foreign rather than home developments are responsible, although the disclosure that Government expenditure had run ahead of estimates by more than £250,000,000 came as a distinct shock to the city and country generally. It quite wiped out the slightly strengthening effect on the markets of the record British export trade figures and aroused fresh doubts and fears as to where the Government's expenditure is leading.

It was however, the break in American stock and commodity prices that most adversely affected sentiment. Although no strong links are now between London and New York stock markets, Wall Street's behaviour in the past week is causing London to turn a watchful and anxious eye on New York.

Indasmuch as a Wall Street slump reflects doubts inspired by the release in American commodity prices, this concern is proper and natural but on the whole this test of vulnerability of prices on the London market, especially in industrial equities, has up to now been well borne. The influence of American commodity prices on world prices is so powerful that although deflation would ultimately benefit this country, its first effect might easily demand many downward adjustments. At the moment however, there is a distinct tendency to play down Wall Street's anxiety over the American domestic situation and observers here see no reason to recall the painful memories of 1929.

No Comparison

There is no comparison between conditions now and then. American business structure, as held, is much sounder now than it was at the peak of former booms and the influence of government policy is much stronger than ever before. Little doubt is felt that if the American business situation develops really alarming symptoms of deterioration, the United States Administration will move rapidly to avert a real slump.

It has power to do so and would probably not lack the support of Congress should intervention be required. In any case, so well as that of the United States, stabilisation of the disrupted situation could scarcely be achieved without some temporary and sharp fluctuations and American stock and commodity markets may easily be facing a period of pronounced instability.

Increasing Caution

Britain's business outlook is not regarded at all happily by company directors and leading industrialists. This attitude is showing itself to an increasing degree in many ways and many directions.

Increasing caution is being displayed in dividend policy and many a chairman of public companies is struggling in annual statements to shareholders that they were no longer operating in prosperous times, brought about by shortages of everything and the state of public spending in the first two post-war years.

The slowing down of activity in the home market is generally ascribed to reduction in community purchasing power, caused by crippling taxation at all levels.

Hopes of any reduction in taxation in the next budget, if not altogether shattered, have been much diminished by the heavy burden upon prospective budget surplus made by the additional £221,000,000 now asked by the Government spending departments.

This underestimation of expenditure has come as a shock and only the Treasury can say whether additional demands will be offset by savings in other directions. -Heuter.

New China Finance Plan

Shanghai, February 14. The Finance Minister, Mr. Hsu Kan, is expected to arrive here today from South China for discussions with local financial and business leaders on what the Chinese press describe as a new financial programme which the Nationalist Government was said to be intending to introduce shortly.

This programme is widely rumoured to include a proposal for lifting part of the restrictions on trading in gold bars and foreign currencies. It was taken to Canton by Mr. Hsu Kan for approval by the Premier, Dr. Sun Fo, and other high Cabinet officials now in the Southern city. -Reuter.

Money Market

Gold opened yesterday at HK\$302 a tael, climbed to \$306, and closed at \$305.50. The tone was steady.

US dollars opened at HK\$5.16 and closed at a quarter cent lower.

Gold Yuan was quoted at 285 and 29 of a cent for Hong Kong delivery; 235 and 2575 of a cent for Canton remittances; and 20 and 2875 for Shanghai remittances.

Plastics had a marketless day and were quoted nominal at HK\$8 a 100.

Ticals were higher at HK\$25.10 a 100.

NEI Guilders opened at HK\$30.20 a 100 and closed at \$31. Sterling appreciated to HK\$13.25, and Australian pounds to HK\$12.48.

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Six Weeks For Indecent Assault

A kitchen servant, Un Loi, aged 34, employed in a Chinese hotel in Jordan Road, was convicted of a charge of indecent assault brought by a girl aged 20, and sentenced to six weeks imprisonment by Mr. A. D. Scholes at Kowloon yesterday.

The offence took place in the kitchen of the hotel in which both the girl and the man worked. Evidence produced by the prosecution, conducted by DSI Morrison, stated that on December 28, Un Loi indecently assaulted the girl while she lay asleep in a bunk in the kitchen.

Un Loi denied the charge and offered evidence in his defence. He said that he was asleep in the upper bunk and was unaware of anything happening.

Cross-examined by Mr. Morrison, Un Loi said that the girl and her witnesses were against him and he was of his position. He also stated that on that particular day, the girl had been dismissed from service.

Mr. Scholes, in summing up, told defendant that he had no doubt as to his guilt, having heard both sides of the story.

Un Loi was warned of the seriousness of the offence and sentenced to six weeks, the penalty to be retrospective of the date of his arrest, which meant his immediate release.

REMANDED

Described as a tailor of 450 Reclamation Street, ground floor, Chan Wah, aged 36, was remanded for three days when he was brought before Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday on the charge of carnal knowledge of Tang Mei, a 30-year-old woman, at the above address on February 9.

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